National Gas Grids

673. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether with natural gas emerging as an attractive substitute for oil, regional grids are being planned in North-Eastern sector and Southern region and also in other parts of the country ;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that these regional grids would be developed as an integral part of the overall national gas grid ;

(c) whether the petroleum experts feel that the linking of regional gas grids in the form of national gas grid would assume a national priority ; and

(d) if so, what are the main features of the proposed plan and to what extent it will reduce oil consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) There is no proposal at present for setting up inter-state regional gas grids in the North East or Southern sectors. The HBJ pipeline is the only interstate natural gas pipeline.

(b) to (d) The national gas grid is part of a long term perspective plan for natural gas transportation and utilisation. Its implementation will depend, in the first instance, upon finding adequate quantity of gas for transportation through such a grid.

Hike in the prices of price decontrolled medicines

674. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of price decontrolled medicines have gone up upto 200 per cent after the announcement of Drug price Control Order, 1987;

(b) if so, what were the prices of Alupent tablets pack of 10 tablets, Progynon, amps, Ultralan ointment, Levope tablets pack of 10 tablets, Bilamide tablets, Masse cream, Delfen cream, Ethnorub Ointment and Triperidol tablets, Acitron 4mg tablet pack of 10 tablets, Architol Injection 31/lml, Diodoquin tablet pack of 10 tablets, Calciluvin drop 250 ml, Supristol tablets, Actifed syrup and Benadryl syrup before the announcement of DPCO, 1987, the present price of each and the percentage increase in each case;

(c) what are the names of bulk drugs being used in the production of each of these finished medicines; and

(d) what are the names of the drugs being imported by the producers of these medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) to (c) The required details to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Import by individual companies is not monitored.